Amendments to the Claims

1. (ORIGINAL) An optically anisotropic body characterized in being obtainable by providing a body comprising a polymerizable electro-optical and/or magneto-optical material capable of being brought into an optically anisotropic state in response to an electric and/or magnetic field,

subjecting the polymerizable electro-optical and/or magneto-optical material to a non-uniform electric and/or magnetic field to establish electric and/or magnetic field lines in accordance with a desired pattern within the electro-optical and/or magneto-optical material, the electric and/or magnetic field lines being of sufficient strength for aligning the material and bringing the material into a desired optically anisotropic state commensurate with the non-uniform electric and/or magnetic field, and

polymerising the material in said optically anisotropic state to provide the optically anisotropic body.

2. (ORIGINAL) An optically anisotropic body according to claim 1, wherein the electro-optical and/or magneto-optical material is a liquid crystal (LC) monomer.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optically anisotropic body according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~claim 1, wherein the body comprising said polymerizable material is provided on an alignment layer.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optically anisotropic body according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~claim 1, wherein said non-uniform electric and/or magnetic field is applied by use of a plurality of spaced electrodes and/or magnetic poles.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optically anisotropic body according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~claim 1, wherein said non-uniform electric and/or magnetic field is applied by use of at least one structured electrode and/or magnetic pole pair.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optically anisotropic body according to ~~any one of claims 4 or 5~~claim 4, wherein said non-uniform electric and/or magnetic

field is applied by use of a plurality of spaced electrodes and/or magnetic poles arranged at one side of the body.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optically anisotropic body according to ~~any one of claims 1-6~~claim 1, wherein one or more electrode(s) and/or magnetic pole(s) is/are part of the body.

8. (ORIGINAL) An optically anisoptropic body according to claim 7, which comprises a plurality of spaced electrodes and/or magnetic poles arranged at one side of the body.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optically aniostropic body according to ~~any one of claims 1-8~~claim 1, which is selected from the group consisting of a polariser, a compensation foil, and a micro-lens array.